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## CATTLE TICKS

### ARE MUCH WORSE THAN WOUNDS

Not a Theory, But Proven by Experiments

### THERE'S MONEY INVOLVED

Increased Profits and Easy Handling Makes it Worth While to Exterminate Ticks, According to Authorities.

If one of your steers or dairy cows got a bad cut and was bleeding nearly a quart of blood a day, you'd do something about it in a hurry. You'd know that such loss of blood would weaken the animal, prevent its putting on weight, and, in case of the cow, you'd soon see the milk flow fall off. If you couldn't handle the wound yourself you'd think it a good investment to pay a veterinarian from 50 cents to \$1, or more, to stop the bleeding.

Ticks have the same effect on a steer or a cow as such a wound, but the difference is that you don't see the blood dripping because it flows into the tick. Every tick bite is a tiny wound, on the animal through which blood is constantly being drawn. These tiny wounds and the drawing of this blood irritate the animal and weaken it just the same as the wound. The wound, of course, may become infected and make the animal very sick, but the tick in addition to causing blood to flow may give the animal Texas fever and even kill it.

This is not theory. Actual experiments show that where an animal is heavily infested with ticks they will draw as much as 200 pounds of blood a year from a 1,000-pound steer. Of course they do not draw this all at once, but get it in tiny sips. Figures show that the blood in a steer at any one time weighs about 50 pounds. Where the ticks are very numerous and very busy, therefore, they force the animal to renew its blood four times a year. This means that blood that should go to make milk or meat goes into fattening ticks. An actual experiment showed that a tick-infested steer which weighed only 730 pounds and was a scrawny animal, when freed from ticks by being dipped in the arsenical, dipping bath gained 385 pounds in weight in two months.

The price that you'd pay a veterinarian for curing a wound, or that you would spend for liniments and cloths to cure the wound yourself, would more than pay for dipping ticky cattle, and save this terrible drain on their blood and strength. The trouble in driving the animal to the dipping vat and letting it swim through would be less than treating the wound.

It costs only 50 cents a head at most, including the first cost of dipping vats, to clear cattle of these bloodsuckers. It will cost your county only \$50 to \$100 to build a dipping vat, and you can figure how much this first cost per head is if divided among all the cattle near the vat. After the vat is built, 5 cents a head will pay for arsenic for enough dippings to rid your county of ticks.

Moreover, when a beef animal has been freed from ticks, because it can be sold in the open pens at the stockyards in competition with other free cattle, it brings from \$5 to \$10 more per head than when offered for immediate slaughter only from a quarantine pen. It costs less to ship tick-free cattle than ticky cattle, because ticky cattle have to be shipped under quarantine restrictions, which add greatly to the cost, and make the animal worth less at home and cause it to bring less net profit at the packing house.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture will be glad to work with you, your neighbors, your county, and your state to free your district of ticks and help you establish a profitable stockraising and dairying industry. It will supply free information, and when your district shows that it means business and wants to take the

profits that await it the Department will be glad to send its expert field men to supervise the building of vats, to prepare the arsenical baths, and to help you to dip your cattle. Full information can do no harm. Write today to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., for data as to what the tick is costing you, and how little money and time it will take to make your county free area.—Bulletin U. S. Dept. Agriculture.

## EX-GOV. GILCHRIST

### AT PALM BEACH

Spends Several Days there While on Campaign Trip Down the East Coast

Albert W. Gilchrist, former governor of Florida who is now in the midst of his campaign for senatorial honors, arrived in the city yesterday and is registered at the Lake Park hotel. He spent the greater portion of the day yesterday calling upon his many friends here who extended to him the glad hand of welcome. Mr. Gilchrist will remain here several days.

The ex-governor is one of the most notable characters in the state and while serving as governor from 1909 to 1913 he made a wonderful record which will stand him in good stead in his present campaign. He enjoyed the distinction, during the last two years he was in office of holding the high office of Grand Master of the Masonic fraternity—a double tribute to which but few men in the entire south can lay claim.

A Floridian by birth, General Gilchrist is close to the hearts of the people of his native state and his intimate knowledge of their wants popularized his governorship. He never lost sight of the fact that he was a servant of the people and during the four years he was at Tallahassee he was continually working for the best interests of the state at large.—Palm Beach Post.

## Luning's Good Work

As the result of the work of State Treasurer J. C. Luning, three officials of the defunct Florida Life Insurance Company have been indicted by the Grand Jury in Jacksonville, on charges of grand larceny and embezzlement, and the president of the company was also indicted for alleged perjury. It has taken time to secure the evidence, but since the last Legislature gave the State Treasurer the necessary authority and provided for the employment of competent examiners and accountants, the affairs of the company have been most thoroughly investigated and the indictments are the result of the evidence secured. The policyholders in this company have not lost a dollar, as through the able management of the State Treasurer all have been re-insured, and a large number of claims have been paid by the company to which the policies were transferred.

Through State Comptroller W. V. Knott, the president and cashier of the former Commercial Bank of Jacksonville are now under indictment on charges alleging embezzlement of the bank's funds and now the president treasurer and assistant treasurer of the Florida Life Insurance Company have been indicted through the untiring efforts of the State Treasurer.

A number of Florida "yellow journals" have for months been charging State officials with neglect of duty for not causing the arrest and punishment of the officials of these two defunct institutions. The work has been progressing steadily, and no attention has been paid to the attempts of those responsible for the attacks on the State officials. The evidence has been secured; the indictments have been returned by the grand jury, and it now remains to be seen how the cases will be handled in the Criminal Court of Record in Duval county and what the verdict of the petit jury trying the cases will be.—Tallahassee Record.

## BIRD SANCTUARY

### AND GAME PRESERVE A SPLENDID IDEA

Worthy of the Support of All Florida Citizens

### THE LAND IS AVAILABLE

Grant by State and Donation by Mrs. Flagler — Federation of Women's Clubs of Florida Active in this Undertaking

The action of the Federation of the Women's Clubs of Florida looking toward the development and maintenance of a State park with a bird sanctuary and game preserve is a splendid one, and worthy of unqualified support of Florida's generous citizens. The land has been granted by the State, and it is ideally situated, being in the beautiful tropical region of Florida, and including that tract known as Royal Palm Hammock in Dade county which abounds with beautiful tropical vegetation. Through the generosity of Mrs. Henry M. Flagler, a tract of similar size, 960 acres, has been donated for an endowment, and this adjoins the park reserve. The services of a caretaker are needed at once, and it will be necessary to erect a residence for the caretaker and provide for other expenses in getting the proposition well started. Through the ingenuity of some of Florida's prominent club women, the idea of raising a sum sufficient for present needs through gathering "a mile of dimes" has been broached, and found instant favor. Every club in the federation will take a certain number of strips to fill, with silver pieces, and each club desires to enlist the aid and sympathy of its home folks. This is a project calling for the help of all Florida people generally, and there is no question but that it will prove most successful with Florida's energetic and charming club women back of it.—St. Augustine Record.

A tip to our well meaning friends: Never bring literary junk to the editor with the suggestion that he use it as "space filler." We are not seeking space filler, at least not that kind. Reams upon reams of this sort of stuff ranging from poetry to politics fill the capacious bean hamper we use for a waste basket over and over again several times each week. Yesterday a friend brought in a cabbage and for space filler it is superior to most anything we have tried.—Plant City Courier.

## Lettuce Drop Fungus Attacks Peas and Beans

The University of Florida Experiment Station has received specimens of beans and peas recently which were attacked by a white mold. This is the same fungus which causes stem rot of cucumbers, and watermelons, white foot rot of celery, and lettuce drop. It rots all parts of the peas and beans above ground. Indications are that the disease is beginning work also in lettuce fields.

After a short period of development the fungus produces blackish irregular bodies, which under favorable conditions produce small mushrooms. These give rise to millions of minute spores which are readily spread to neighboring fields by the slightest breeze. The only known method of controlling the disease is to watch the crop carefully and destroy any affected plants to prevent fruiting bodies.

Besides this it is necessary to soak the ground where the disease appears with a good fungicide, such as ammoniacal solution of copper carbonate, so that the fungus will not spread by its vegetative branches. Thousands of dollars are lost annually from this disease and growers cannot afford to let it go unhindered.

T. B. Hartig who once taught school in DeSoto county and subsequently started a newspaper at Zolfo, died recently at his boarding house in Lake City. So reports the Tallahassee Democrat.

## FAIR FLORIDA

### A PARADISE IN A TRUE SENSE

So Made by Nature—Has All Essentials

### SCENES OF GREAT BEAUTY

Is a Place of Great Human Appeal—In Winter, East Coast, West Coast and Central Florida Practically One Vast Resort.

There is a beautiful ancient word which is so overused and so carelessly used that its true meaning has been obscured. This word is paradise, and it means park, garden, a lovely spot. King Cyrus built a paradise, and always when the ancients used this word they referred to any natural or artificial scene of great beauty. Three things were essential to the paradise: water, flowers and abundant scenery.

Florida has all these and more, but even so it might fall short of being a paradise were it not for the park-like arrangement, the disposition of shore and palm, of lake and hammock, and last, but not least—the social center of the United States. There is by nature a symphony, one might almost say a pattern in the way of Florida as a park has been created. It is therefore a place of great human appeal; and no paradise is a paradise unless it has this quality. The Alps, the Falls of Zambesi, Pike's Peak, Niagara Falls, these are wonders in no sense paradises. They do not say to you as a paradise must say, "Come live with me."

Florida is a true park. It is a vast park, a green, brown, sky-arched, coral beached, alluring, soothing, human park. And it has not been cursed by the tamping hand of man in the effort to make it appeal to the vulgar. So far as man has built for his recreation, he has built there to complete and round out the picture. And one who has not beheld the wondrous beauty of the sunsets on the white walls of the Alcazar or the Ponce de Leon, at St. Augustine, has missed one of the most exquisite sights of nature. Here one sees the architecture of Spain at its resplendent best. In the winter time, Florida is practically one vast resort. There are hundreds of fascinating places on the east coast, on the west coast and in the beautiful interior.—Royal Dixon in Agave.

## Station Can Tell You Who Has Seeds or Stock

Do you want to buy seeds, or pure-bred livestock? Many farmers would like to have home grown seed or pure-bred southern livestock but do not know where to obtain them. C. K. McQuarrie, state agent for the University of Florida Extension Division, asks those who are in the market for such produce to apply to the Experiment Station, Gainesville. A list of farmers who have seeds or livestock for sale is kept.

It is frequently impossible to find velvet beans, Natal seed, home grown potatoes, or other seeds on the open market, while farmers may have them on hand. It is desirable to obtain southern pure-bred stock if it can be had. The number of men who have such stock for sale is increasing and it is probable that those who desire it can buy it close at hand.

W. W. Bateman of Wauchula, a well known and hustling official of the Florida Citrus Exchange, was a visitor here last Saturday.

## New Plans for Dipping Vats

Dr. C. F. Dawson, veterinarian to the State Board of Health, offers the following information to farmers who are interested in dipping vats:

"Bureau of Animal Industry Circular 207 gives directions for dipping cattle to destroy ticks, including plans and specifications for the construction of concrete and brick vats. Certain changes in the concrete vat, so as to make it more suitable for range conditions, have recently been suggest-

ed and are embodied in the accompanying plan and bill of materials. The principal differences consist in the vat being larger and having perpendicular instead of sloping sides. A longer or shorter vat could be made if desired.

"Copies of the circular may be obtained by addressing the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C."

## SYSTEM OF SAVING FOR EDUCATIONS

Plan that Has Much to Commend it Now on Foot at the State University

Hundreds of children are deprived of an education because their parents cannot afford to send them to college. The expenditure of \$300 or \$400 a year at the time the child is ready to go to school is too much for the average family. A plan is on foot at the University of Florida whereby an education will be made possible for the great mass of children whose parents fall in the foregoing class.

The plan proposes to start educational savings accounts in local banks. Young parents may start depositing when the child is a few weeks or a year old. The money is not to be paid out for anything except educational purposes. Compound interest will be paid on the savings. A small payment monthly during fifteen or twenty years will provide the necessary funds. Many parents could make these payments without difficulty, but would not be able to educate their child otherwise. The money will be paid in monthly installments when the child is ready to attend college or when he or she is twenty years old. As children approach the productive age they can contribute toward the fund themselves.

## Every State Needs a Similar Law

Congress is at last beginning to move in the matter of enacting a law that will make a partial end at least to the tyrannous reign of needless technicalities in the procedure of the federal courts. The bill which has been introduced is designed to prohibit appeals on technicalities which do not affect the vital issues in the case and it has been reported upon favorably by the judiciary committee of the House and is very likely to pass that body. The Tarpon Springs Leader has the following to say about it, which is well said, and will be endorsed by a long-suffering people who for generations past have found their courts so slow and ineffective in administering justice:

"Report of such a step by the law-makers of the nation is good news to the laymen, who, ever and anon, are bewildered and dismayed at justice because of the endless and entangling legal possibilities of the laws and the courts. Out of the practice of the rich man to resort to the last technicality before accepting conviction or defeat has arisen the common opinion that justice in the court is only a matter of dollars and cents."

"Not only would such a law curtail the numberless resorts now possible in the courts, but it inevitably would expedite decisions and justice. At present, if the litigant has the money, he may keep his case in the courts a decade by resorting to one technicality or another. By such practices the courts have been given a reputation for general dilatoriness and delay."

"In event of the bill becoming a law, every State in the Union should adopt a similar measure to apply to State courts. We believe that such a law would, to a great extent, give to the courts the dignity and respect, which now they lack, that their importance should carry."—Lakeland Telegram.

An automobile party going to Tampa, Tuesday morning, was composed of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Hewitt, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Sikes and Mrs. K. K. Seward. They intended to spend several days in our South Florida metropolis.

## HEAVY FIGHTING

### IN EAST CENTERS OF EUROPEAN WAR

Russians Penetrate Austrian Position in North

### ALL QUIET IN THE BALKANS

Germans Have Not Yet Begun the Offensive Movement Which has been Generally Predicted—Other Activities.

London, England—Artillery actions between the French and British and the Germans continue at various points on the Franco-Belgian front, but there have been no important changes in positions anywhere. Nor have the Germans begun the great offensive for which they are reported to be preparing.

Heavy fighting has broken out in East Galicia. All along the front the artillery has been active. The Russians succeeded north of Tarnopol after repeated attacks in penetrating the Austro-Hungarian advanced infantry posts, but were ejected from them later according to Vienna.

In the Austro-Italian theatre artillery duels continue.

In the Balkans all is quiet.

## Austrian Naval Sally Fails

Austrian warships in the Adriatic have ineffectually attempted to torpedo a British cruiser and a French torpedo boat, which were aiding the Serbian army in its evacuation of the Adriatic Coast.

A submarine also attempted to sink two allied vessels off Durrazzo, but missed their mark.

Reports are current in London that Field Marshal Earl Kitchener is to take over the command of the British forces in Egypt and that the Earl of Derby, who has been in charge of recruiting, is to be the new Secretary of State for War. These reports are unconfirmed.

On advice of his physician, King George, who is convalescing from the injuries sustained by him in France, will not reopen Parliament in person next week. The session will be opened by a royal commission.

An official communication from military headquarters at Delhi says that General Townshend is holding Kut-el-Amara as a point of strategic value and General Aylmer's operations are being carried out for the purpose of supporting General Townshend at that point. The communication adds that no withdrawal is contemplated.

## Have You Been?

Today a corps of earnest and energetic instructors are laboring to implant in the minds of the community that knowledge which will enable them to cope with the innumerable obstacles which beset the rocky road of life.

What have you done to encourage the teachers?

Have you been to the school to lend them the inspiration of your presence, to let them know and understand that your heart is with them in their work of educating your children?

Your visit may not mean much to you, but it has its effect upon both pupil and instructor. To the pupil it is an evidence that while they are in the hands of others they are yet uppermost in your thoughts and that you are keeping a watchful parental eye to their welfare. To the instructors it signifies your moral support, your confidence in their efficiency and your undiminished interest in the welfare of both.—Fellsmere Tribune.

"The Lakeland Telegram believes that wisdom nestles in whiskers," says the Ocala Star. Not so. Whiskers are merely the exterior ruggedness and simplicity of character too strong to yield to the mandates of fickle and capricious fashion, and that raises a presumption of wisdom—subject, however, to rebuttal on adequate testimony. And, moreover, wisdom, like the majestic oak, the Pyramid of Cheops and other self-sustaining structures, never nestles.—Lakeland Telegram.